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Certificate of Occupancy

CO Number: 103613065T001

This certifies that the premises described herein conforms substantially to the approved plans and specifications and to the requirements of all applicable laws, rules and regulations for the uses and occupancies specified. No change of use or occupancy shall be made unless a new Certificate of Occupancy is issued. *This document or a copy shall be available for inspection at the building at all reasonable times.*

A. Borough: Manhattan Address: 540 PARK AVENUE Building Identification Number (BIN): 1040855		Block Number: 01376 Lot Number(s): 36 Building Type: Altered	Certificate Type: Temporary Effective Date: 05/03/2007 Expiration Date: 06/03/2007
<i>For zoning lot metes & bounds, please see BISWeb.</i>			
B. Construction classification: 1 Building Occupancy Group classification: RES Multiple Dwelling Law Classification: HAEA		Number of stories: 18 Height in feet: 178 Number of dwelling units: 321	
C. Fire Protection Equipment: Standpipe system, Fire alarm system, Sprinkler system			
D. Type and number of open spaces: Parking spaces (129)			
E. This Certificate is issued with the following legal limitations: Other Restriction: 1047-63-A			
Outstanding requirements for obtaining Final Certificate of Occupancy: There are 8 outstanding requirements. Please refer to BISWeb for further detail.			
Borough Comments: None			

Borough Commissioner

Borough Commissioner

Commissioner



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Permissible Use and Occupancy							
Floor From To	Maximum persons permitted	Live load lbs per sq. ft.	Building Code habitable rooms	Building Code occupancy group	Zoning dwelling or rooming units	Zoning use group	Description of use
CEL	120	100		RES			HELP'S DINING ROOM, KITCHEN STORAGE, BARBER SHOP, BEAUTY PARLOR, LINEN ROOM, VALET SERVICE, GENERAL STORAGE, BUILDING UTILITIES, HOUSEKEEPER'S ROOM, RECEIVING ROOM, HOTEL OFFICE, TIMEKEEPER'S OFFICE, HELP'S LOCKER ROOMS, ELECTRIC SWITCH BOARD ROOM, CHIEF STEWARD'S OFFICE & GARAGE FOR (48) MOTOR VEHICLES
BAS	475	100		RES			HOTEL RESTARAUNT, COCKTAIL LOUNGE, PRIVATE DINING ROOMS, KITCHEN, OFFICES, LOBBY, CONCESSION AREA AND CATERING (SEE NOTE BELOW), STORAGE & GARAGE FOR (15) MOTOR VEHICLES.
SC1	60	OG		RES			GENERAL STORAGE, INCINERATOR ROOM AND GARAGE FOR SIXTY-SIX (66) MOTOR VEHICLES
001	40	0		RES	26		TWENTY-SIX (26) APARTMENTS
002	011	40	0	RES	23		TWENTY-THREE (23) APARTMENTS PER FLOOR
012		40	0	RES	25		TWENTY-FIVE (25) APARTMENTS
013	015	40	0	RES	7		SEVEN (7) APARTMENTS PER FLOOR
016	017	40	0	RES	6		SIX (6) APARTMENTS PER FLOOR
018		40	0	RES			FOUR (4) APARTMENTS
ROF				RES			FAN ROOM, ELEVATOR MACHINE ROOM, COOLING TOWER, HOUSE TANK

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Permissible Use and Occupancy									
Floor From To	Maximum persons permitted	Live load lbs per sq. ft.	Building Code habitable rooms	Building Code occupancy group	Zoning dwelling or rooming units	Zoning use group	Description of use		
PEN	40		RES	3	THREE (3) APARTMENTS				
			RES		NOTE: CATERING EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE HOTEL RESIDENTS AND GUESTS OF RESIDENTS. NOTE: THIS BUILDING COMPLIES WITH SECTION 67 OF THE MULTIPLE DWELLING LAW				
			RES		FIRE DEPARTMENT APPROVALS STANDPIPE SYSTEM-JANUARY 31,1963 SPRINKLER SYSTEM-FEBRUARY 21,1963 INTERIOR FIRE ALARM AND WATCHMAN'S TIME DETECTOR SYSTEMS-FEBRUARY 18, 1963 OWNER'S REGISTRATION NO.138457				
			RES		NOTE: SEE BOARD OF STANDARDS AND APPEALS RES ADOPTED NOV.23,2004. FILED UNDER CA.#1046-63 BZ & CA.#1047-63-A TO PERMIT THE USE OF SURPLUS TENANTS PARKING SPACES IN THE ACCESSORY GARAGE FOR TRANSIENT PARKING FOR TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS TRANSIENT VEHICLES PARKED SHALL BE LIMITED TO NINETY (90) IN NUMBER AND SHALL BE PLEASURE TYPE CARS ONLY.TENANTS MAY RECAPTURE ANY OF THE SPACE DEVOTED TO TRANSIENT PARKING UPON A THIRTY (30) DAY WRITTEN NOTICE TO OWNER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 60 1 (B) OF THE MULTIPLE DWELLING LAW.				
					A SIGN REGARDING TENANT RECAPTURE RIGHTS MUST BE LOCATED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE WITHIN THE GARAGE				
END OF SECTION									



Borough Commissioner

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

BOROUGH MANHATTAN

DATE: NO. 105395

This certificate supersedes C.O. NO 60422
THIS CERTIFIES that the new—altered—existing—building—premises located at540 PARK AVENUE/35-39 EAST 61ST STREET
CONFORMS SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE APPROVED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ALL APPLICABLE LAWS,
RULES, AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USES AND OCCUPANCIES SPECIFIED HEREIN.

ZONING DISTRICT R-10 & R-8

Block 1376 Lot 27-32, 348 36

PERMISSIBLE USE AND OCCUPANCY

STORY	LIVE LOAD LBS. PER SQ. FT.	MAXIMUM NO. OF PERSONS PERMITTED	ZONING DWELLING OR ROOMING UNITS	BUILDING CODE HABITABLE ROOMS	ZONING USE GROUP	BUILDING CODE OCCUPANCY GROUP	DESCRIPTION OF USE
SUBCELLAR	0.G.	60					GENERAL STORAGE, INCINERATOR ROOF & GARAGE FOR SIXTY-SIX (66) MOTOR VEHICLES
CELLAR	100	120					HELP'S DINING ROOM, KITCHEN STORAGE, BARBER SHOP, BEAUTY PARLOR, LINEN ROOM, VALET SERVICE, GENERAL STORAGE, BUILDING UTILITIES, HOUSEKEEPER'S ROOM, RECEIVING ROOM, HOTEL OFFICE, TIMEKEEPER'S OFFICE, HELPS' LOCKER ROOMS, ELECTRIC SWITCH BOARD ROOM, CHIEF STEWARD'S OFFICE & GARAGE FOR FORTY-EIGHT(48) MOTOR VEHICLES
BASEMENT	100	475					HOTEL RESTAURANT COCKTAIL LOUNGE, PRIVATE DINING ROOMS, KITCHEN, OFFICES, LOBBY, CONCESSION AREA & CATERING, (SEE NOTE BELOW), STORAGE & GARAGE FOR FIFTEEN (15) MOTOR VEHICLES
1ST STORY	40						TWENTY-SIX (26) APARTMENTS
2ND-11TH STORY, INC.	40EA						TWENTY-THREE(23) APARTMENTS ON EACH STORY
12TH STORY	40						TWENTY-FIVE(25) APARTMENTS
13TH-15TH STORY, INC.	40EA						SEVEN (7) APARTMENTS ON EACH STORY
16 & 17TH STORIES	40EA						SIX(6) APARTMENTS ON EACH STORY

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OPEN SPACE USES

(SPECIFY—PARKING SPACES, LOADING BERTHS, OTHER USES, NONE)

NO CHANGES OF USE OR OCCUPANCY SHALL BE MADE UNLESS
A NEW AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS OBTAINEDTHIS CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS ISSUED SUBJECT TO FURTHER LIMITATIONS, CONDITIONS AND
SPECIFICATIONS NOTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT

COMMISSIONER

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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

BOROUGH MANHATTAN

DATE: JAN 10 1998 NO. 106395

ZONING DISTRICT R-10 & R-8

THIS CERTIFIES that the new—altered—existing—building—premises located at

Block 1376 Lot 27-32, 34& 36

540 PARK AVENUE/35-39 EAST 61ST STREET

CONFORMS SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE APPROVED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ALL APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USES AND OCCUPANCIES SPECIFIED HEREIN.

PERMISSIBLE USE AND OCCUPANCY

STORY	LIVE LOAD LBS. PER SQ FT	MAXIMUM NO. OF PERSONS PERMITTED	ZONING DWELLING OR ROOMING UNITS	BUILDING CODE HABITABLE ROOMS	ZONING USE GROUP	BUILDING CODE OCCUPANCY GROUP	DESCRIPTION OF USE
18TH STORY	40						FOUR (4) APARTMENTS
PENTHOUSE	40						THREE (3) APARTMENTS
PENTHOUSE ROOF & BULKHEAD							FAN ROOM, ELEVATOR MACHINE ROOM, COOLING TOWER, HOUSE TANK
<p>NOTE: *SEE BOARD OF STANDARDS AND APPEALS RES. ADOPTED APRIL 7, 1964 FILED UNDER CAL. # 1046-63-BZ AND CAL. # 1047-63-A TO PERMIT THE USE OF SURPLUS TENANTS PARKING SPACES IN THE ACCESSORY GARAGE FOR TRANSIENT PARKING FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS, TRANSIENT VEHICLES PARKED SHALL BE LIMITED TO SIXTY-FIVE (65) IN NUMBER AND SHALL BE LIMITED TO SIXTY-FIVE (65) IN NUMBER AND SHALL BE PLEASURE TYPE CARS ONLY. TENANTS MAY RECAPTURE ANY DECAYED OR OF THE SPACE DEVOTED TO TRANSIENT PARKING UPON A THIRTY (30) DAY WRITTEN NOTICE TO OWNER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 60 1 (b) OF THE MULTIPLE DWELLING LAW.</p>							
<p>NOTE: CATERING EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE HOTEL RESIDENTS AND GUESTS OF RESIDENTS ONLY.</p>							
<p>NOTE: THIS BUILDING COMPLIES WITH SECTION 67 OF THE MULTIPLE DWELLING LAW.</p>							
<p><u>FIRE DEPARTMENT APPROVALS</u></p>							
<p>STANDPIPE SYSTEM - JANUARY 31, 1968. SPRINKLER SYSTEM - FEBRUARY 21, 1963. INTERIOR FIRE ALARM AND WATCHMAN'S TIME DETECTOR SYSTEMS - FEBRUARY 18, 1963.</p>							
<p>OWNER'S REGISTRATION NO. 138457.</p>							
<p>NOTE: THIS IS AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, ISSUED TO SHOW TRANSIENT PARKING, AS PER BOARD OF STANDARDS AND APPEALS RESOLUTION CAL. # 1046-63-BZ AND 1047-63-A FILED UNDER PRESENT ALT. #1508-1963. BY BOARD OF STANDARDS AND APPEALS RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 11, 1994, VARIANCE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 11, 2004.</p>							

OPEN SPACE USES

(SPECIFY—PARKING SPACES, LOADING BERTHS, OTHER USES, NONE)

NO CHANGES OF USE OR OCCUPANCY SHALL BE MADE UNLESS
A NEW AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS OBTAINED

THIS CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS ISSUED SUBJECT TO FURTHER LIMITATIONS, CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS NOTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE

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COMMISSIONER

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S Form 34 (Back) (Rev. 8-23)

THAT THE ZONING LOT ON WHICH THE PREMISES IS LOCATED IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING at a point on the WEST side of PARK AVENUE
 distant 0' feet from the corner formed by the intersection of
 running thence WEST 248' and PARK AVENUE
 thence EAST 248' feet; thence NORTH 100'-5" feet;
 thence feet; thence SOUTH 100'-5" feet;
 thence feet; thence feet;
 to the point or place of beginning.

KEY ALT. NO. 1508/63 DATE OF COMPLETION 12-27-94 CONSTRUCTION CLASSIFICATION CLASS 1-FIREPROOF
 BUILDING OCCUPANCY GROUP CLASSIFICATION HEIGHT STORIES FEET
 HEREAFTER ERECTED CLASS "A" APT. HOTEL 178'-0" BSMT, 18 & P.H.

THE FOLLOWING FIRE DETECTION AND EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS ARE REQUIRED AND WERE INSTALLED IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS.

	YES	NO		YES	NO
STANDPIPE SYSTEM	X		AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM	X	
YARD HYDRANT SYSTEM		X			
STANDPIPE FIRE TELEPHONE AND SIGNALLING SYSTEM	X				
SMOKE DETECTOR	X				
FIRE ALARM AND SIGNAL SYSTEM	X				

STORM DRAINAGE DISCHARGES INTO:

A) STORM SEWER B) COMBINED SEWER C) PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

SANITARY DRAINAGE DISCHARGES INTO:

A) SANITARY SEWER B) COMBINED SEWER C) PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

LIMITATIONS OR RESTRICTIONS:

BOARD OF STANDARDS AND APPEALS CAL. NO. #1046-63-BZ & #1047-63-A

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION CAL. NO. _____

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guests:

Desired meeting
room set up:

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MEASUREMENTS MEETING ROOM NAME	FEET DIMENSIONS FEET FEET ²	METERS CEILING	CAPACITY			
			THEATRE	CLASSROOM	RECEPTION	BANQUET
New Yorker II	21x13 273	8			15	16
New Yorker I & III	19x15 285	8	Permanent Board Room Table, seating for 12			
The Regency Room	17x43 731	10	50	30	80	70
Ballroom	24x72 1,728	10	180	130	200	160
West Ballroom	24x51 1,224	10	110	70	120	90

East Ballroom	24x21	504	10	40	30	40	40	
Mirror Room	15x46	690	9	50	36	80	60	
Delacorte Board Room	27x18	486	8	Permanent Board Room Table, seating for 22				

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK CORRECTED

Council on
Foreign Relations

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

BOROUGH

DATE **SEP 27 1996** NO. **110179**

This certificate supersedes C.O. NO.

ZONING DISTRICT **R10**

THIS CERTIFIES that the new—altered—existing—building—premises located at

56-60 EAST 68TH STREET Block 1382 Lot 37

CONFORMS SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE APPROVED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ALL APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USES AND OCCUPANCIES SPECIFIED HEREIN.

PERMISSIBLE USE AND OCCUPANCY

STORY	LIVE LOAD LBS. PER SQ. FT.	MAXIMUM NO. OF PERSONS PERMITTED	ZONING DWELLING OR ROOMING LIMITS	BUILDING CODE HABITABLE ROOMS	ZONING USE GROUP	BUILDING CODE OCCUPANCY GROUP	DESCRIPTION OF USE
SUB-CELLAR	OG	1					HEATING
CELLAR	OG & 50	8					LIBRARY AND STACK
1ST FLOOR	50	31					LIBRARY AND COAT ROOM
2ND FLOOR	100 & 50	201		4			LIBRARY MEETING ROOM OFFICES
2ND FLOOR MEZZANINE	50	3					STUDY AND RESEARCH
3RD FLOOR	50	16					STUDY AND RESEARCH
4TH FLOOR	50	17					STUDY AND RESEARCH
5TH FLOOR	50	8					STUDY AND RESEARCH
			OLD CODE				

CORRECTED CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY TO ADD LIVE LOAD AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONS PERMITTED.

THIS CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY MUST BE POSTED
WITHIN THE BUILDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES
OF THE DEPARTMENT PROMULGATED MARCH 31ST, 1967.

OPEN SPACE USES _____

(SPECIFY—PARKING SPACES, LOADING BERTHS, OTHER USES, NONE)

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A NEW AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS OBTAINEDTHIS CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS ISSUED SUBJECT TO FURTHER LIMITATIONS, CONDITIONS AND
SPECIFICATIONS NOTED ON REVERSE SIDE.

Ronny A. Minissi, P.E.
BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT

Gaston Silver, R.A.
COMMISSIONER

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B Form 54 (Back) (Rev. 8-82)

THAT THE ZONING LOT ON WHICH THE PREMISES IS LOCATED IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING at a point on the distant 0 **SOUTH** side of **EAST 68TH STREET**
 feet from the corner formed by the intersection of
 running thence **EAST 68TH STREET** and **PARK AVENUE**
 feet; thence **feet**
 thence **WEST 60** feet; thence **SOUTH 100.5** feet;
 thence **EAST 60** feet; thence **NORTH 100.5** feet;
 thence **feet**; thence **feet**
 to the point or place of beginning.

X1008-2031 DATE OF COMPLETION 9/27/96 CONSTRUCTION CLASSIFICATION CLASS 1 FIREPROOF
 BUILDING OCCUPANCY GROUP CLASSIFICATION HEIGHT STORIES FEET
 PUBLIC BUILDING SUB-CELLAR C + 5 73'

THE FOLLOWING FIRE DETECTION AND EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS ARE REQUIRED AND WERE INSTALLED IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW.

	YES	NO		YES	NO
STANDPIPE SYSTEM			AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM		
YARD HYDRANT SYSTEM					
STANDPIPE FIRE TELEPHONE AND SIGNALLING SYSTEM					
SMOKE DETECTOR					
FIRE ALARM AND SIGNAL SYSTEM					

STORM DRAINAGE DISCHARGES INTO:

A) STORM SEWER B) COMBINED SEWER C) PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

SANITARY DRAINAGE DISCHARGES INTO:

A) SANITARY SEWER B) COMBINED SEWER C) PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

LIMITATIONS OR RESTRICTIONS:

BOARD OF STANDARDS AND APPEALS CAL. NO. _____

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION CAL. NO. _____

OTHERS: _____

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The Council on Foreign Relations is headquartered in New York City. A third of the Council's members reside in or around New York City, and another third in Washington, DC, and around the nation. Over 160 employees work out of the landmarked Harold Pratt House, located on the Upper East Side of Manhattan.



The Council's New York headquarters hosts more than 250 [events](#) annually, including panel discussions, lectures, interviews, symposia, town hall meetings, film screenings, book clubs, and conference calls. Senior government officials, global leaders, and prominent thinkers regularly come together with Council members as part of the New York Meetings, Studies, and Corporate programs to debate and discuss major foreign policy issues. Accounts of on-the-record Council meetings are available in three formats on CFR.org: [transcripts](#), [videos](#), and [audio streams](#).

The main purpose of these meetings is to provide a nonpartisan forum for informed policy debate. They cover a range of regional and topical issues, with a strong focus on Iraq, energy and the environment, the global war on terrorism, and religion and foreign policy. These activities bring Council members together with senior government officials, world leaders, academic experts, and prominent thinkers to discuss the major foreign policy issues of our time.

The majority of fellows in the Think Tank are based in New York. These fellows contribute to the larger foreign policy debate by writing books, articles, and op-eds on the most important challenges facing the United States and the world. They also write topical reports, books, and other publications.

The Council also has a growing and multifaceted presence in the nation's capital—the Washington Program—and a dynamic National Program for members living across the country. The Council's active [Corporate Program](#) provides the business community an opportunity to gain new insights into the intersection of politics, economics, and business.

The Council's New York office is also home to *Foreign Affairs*, the preeminent journal covering international affairs and U.S. foreign policy. Founded in 1921, recently it was ranked number one in influence among opinion-leaders in a [national study](#).

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What is the Council on Foreign Relations? When and why was it formed?

The Council on Foreign Relations is an independent, nonpartisan membership organization, think tank, and publisher dedicated to being a resource for its members, government officials, business executives, journalists, educators and students, civic and religious leaders, and other interested citizens in order to help them better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing the United States and other countries. Founded in 1921, the Council takes no institutional positions on matters of policy.

What does the Council do?

The Council's main activities, as summarized in our [Mission Statement](#):

Maintaining a diverse membership, including special programs to promote interest and develop expertise in the next generation of foreign policy leaders;

Convening meetings at its headquarters in New York and in Washington, DC and other cities where senior government officials, members of Congress, global leaders, and prominent thinkers come together with Council members to discuss and debate major international issues;

Supporting a studies program that fosters independent research, enabling Council scholars to produce articles, reports, and books and hold roundtables that analyze foreign policy issues and make concrete policy recommendations;

Publishing [Foreign Affairs](#), the preeminent journal of international affairs and U.S. foreign policy;

Sponsoring independent task forces that produce reports with both findings and policy prescriptions on the most important foreign policy topics; and

Providing up-to-date information and analysis about world events and American foreign policy on its website, [CFR.org](#).

What is CFR.org's mission?

CFR.org seeks to raise the level of foreign policy awareness by offering timely, unbiased, and in-depth coverage of U.S. foreign policy and international affairs to anyone interested. A staff of journalists and researchers, led by executive editor Michael Moran, produces timely analysis, expert interviews, and Backgrounders to help explain the international issues of the day. This website's original editorial content is integrally linked to the rich intellectual inquiries and reports produced by other CFR departments. What's more, the CFR.org staff casts its net beyond CFR itself, compiling the best of what is available from other sources of analysis, opinion, speeches, transcripts, and source documents. Such up-to-date, objective coverage reaches a growing daily audience and is aimed at contributing quality and

How is the Council managed? Who is in charge?

The Council is incorporated under New York State law. Its Board of Directors provides overall direction, and the president leads the daily operations.

Carla A. Hills, chair and chief executive officer of Hills & Company and former U.S. trade representative, and Robert E. Rubin, director and chairman of the executive committee of Citigroup and former secretary of the Treasury, are co-chairmen of the Council's Board of Directors. Richard E. Salomon, chairman of Mecox Ventures, is vice chair. Richard N. Haass, a former senior government official, is president.

Who are the members of the Council?

There are three kinds of Council membership: life members, term members, and corporate members. The Council's approximately 4,300 life members are divided almost equally among New York, Washington, DC, and the rest of the nation. They are leaders in government, business, finance, media, academia, and a wide range of nonprofit organizations. Term members must be between the ages of 30 and 36; term memberships are limited to five years and can lead to life memberships. Corporate memberships engage senior executives from leading international firms in the activities and work of the Council.

Why are senior government officials, members of the U.S. Congress, journalists, and corporate executives members of the Council?

Membership in the Council can represent both the recognition of exceptional achievement in a career involving international affairs, as well as the promise of one. It is important to avoid reversing the causal order in this question. The Council does not "anoint" government officials, nor advance the careers of those in other fields; it does exert great effort to attract individuals who have displayed significant dedication, expertise, and success in professions concerning American foreign policy and world affairs, and also to encourage them to help in our mission by participating in our meetings and other activities.

How are individuals selected for membership?

Every candidate for membership must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident with an application for citizenship pending. Candidates are formally proposed in writing by one member and seconded by a minimum of three other individuals. Letters of support from members (as opposed to non-members) are strongly encouraged. Quality, diversity, and balance are the key objectives sought by the Council in the composition of its membership. The roster of members is listed in the published version of the annual report. To request a published version of the annual report, email the Council's Communications Department at communications@CFR.org. Click [here](#) for more information about member-selection procedures.

Who finances the Council?

The Council is supported by a wide range of individuals and institutional donors. Specifically, the Council's largest donations come from corporate, foundation, and individual endowment gifts and grants. Member donations constitute "The Annual Fund," which is in addition to annual dues. A list of donors appears in the annual report.

Is the Council on Foreign Relations part of the U.S. government, the United Nations, or organizations such as the Royal Institute for International Affairs and the Trilateral Commission?

No, the Council is a nongovernmental, nonprofit, and nonpartisan organization. The following studies thoroughly examine the Council's history:

Robert D. Schulzinger, *The Wise Men of Foreign Affairs* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1984).

Michael Wala, *The Council on Foreign Relations and American Foreign Policy in the Early Cold War* (Providence, R.I.: Berghahn Books: 1994).

Peter Grose, *Continuing the Inquiry: The Council on Foreign Relations from 1921 to 1996* (New York, N.Y.: Council on Foreign Relations: 1996)

Is the Council on Foreign Relations a secret organization?

No. From the start, the Council has published the results of its study groups and task forces, as well as an annual report. In addition, Council fellows and members often write books, magazine and journal articles, and opinion pieces that appear in newspapers like the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Los Angeles Times*; work by fellows is posted on CFR.org, as is a wealth of information about the workings of the Council.

What is a "Council meeting?"

The Council holds various member events throughout the year that fall under the general rubric of "meetings." A meeting may feature a single speaker—for example, a U.S. government official, a foreign dignitary, or the author or a new book—and a moderator. The speaker may give a speech on a foreign-policy topic or engage in a conversation with the moderator. Alternatively, a meeting may feature a panel of experts and a moderator who examine an issue. Council meetings typically last one hour, including a period set aside for questions from the audience.

Why are some Council meetings on the record and others are held on a not-for-attribution basis?

Many Council meetings are held on a not-for-attribution basis to encourage frankness among participants who may be hesitant to express new or developing ideas if they feared that they would be publicized. An increasing number of Council meetings—nearly 50 percent—are conducted on an on-the-record basis, with meeting transcripts posted on the Council's website, CFR.org.

How can I get access to Council meetings?

Only Council members can attend meetings. However, accounts of on-the-record Council meetings are available in four formats on CFR.org: transcripts, webcasts, videos, and audio streams.

Transcripts are verbatim records of selected Council sessions. They are usually available within 24-48 hours after a meeting.

Webcasts allow you to connect via the Internet to watch an on-the-record Council meeting in real time. Once a webcast of a Council meeting has concluded, it is available as a video.

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About Americas Society

Americas Society is the premier organization dedicated to education, debate and dialogue in the Americas. Established by David Rockefeller in 1965, our mission is to foster an understanding of the contemporary, political, social and economic issues confronting Latin America, the Caribbean, and Canada, and to increase public awareness and appreciation of the diverse cultural heritage of the Americas and the importance of the inter-American relationship.

Culture

Americas Society's Literature, Music, and Visual Arts programs advance our mission by bringing celebrated and emerging writers, scholars, musicians and artists from Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada to U.S. audiences, and increase U.S. recognition for major cultural figures from the hemisphere. A few examples illustrate our historic role.

Since 1968, we have published the award-winning literary magazine, *Review: Literature and Arts of the Americas*, the leading forum in English for literature from Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada. Americas Society sponsored the first English translation of *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez, providing a path for critically acclaimed writers from Latin America, such as Manuel Puig, Guillermo Cabrera Infante, and Mario Vargas Llosa to reach U.S. audiences in English with their groundbreaking work.

Our Music program spans the hemisphere, featuring musicians such as Osvaldo Golijov (Argentina), Aurelio Martinez (Honduras), Izaline Calister (Curaçao), and Barry Shiffman (Canada). Our Music Education program takes music from Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada to thousands of New York City public school children.

Americas Society's Visual Arts department boasts the longest-standing private space in the U.S. dedicated to exhibiting and promoting art from Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada. Americas Society is recognized for its catalyzing role in establishing the Latin American art market in the U.S., having organized the first auction of Latin American art with Sotheby's in 1979. The success of the Visual Arts program is rooted in its role as not merely a consecratory venue, but also as a platform for new artistic visions and achievements from throughout the Americas.

Public Policy

As the leading organization for hemisphere-wide debate, our public policy programs engage opinion leaders from the public and private sectors in positive dialogue at our forums in New York, Washington, D.C., Miami, Canada and throughout Latin America to exchange ideas and develop solutions to the challenges facing the Americas today. Our signature programs, which promote economic and social development, the rule of law, democracy and

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free trade throughout the Americas, include the annual Latin American Cities Conferences and the President's of the Americas Conference, the premier platform for Latin American leaders to discuss pressing hemispheric issues. Our working groups, comprised of experts and leading private sector representatives, address issues such as Rule of Law and Energy, and focus on specific countries such as Brazil and Cuba. Working group findings are published for the benefit of all in the Americas.

In April 2007, we proudly launched *Americas Quarterly: The Policy Journal for Our Hemisphere*. The only publication dedicated exclusively to policy issues of the Western Hemisphere, *Americas Quarterly* promotes deeper policy analysis and debate on economics, finance and politics in the Americas and provides an independent media forum for a diversity of voices, research and opinions about issues such as rule of law, trade, the environment, peace and security, immigration, corporate social responsibility, alternative energy, and Western Hemisphere relations in a global context.

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Chairman's Welcome



The Americas Society exists for three reasons.

First, because we believe that what happens in the rest of the hemisphere has a critical impact on the U.S. national interest. Second, because we believe that a society of individuals open to citizens of all countries of the region is the most effective way to nurture the growth of democracy, the rule of law, and free trade. Third, because we believe that the only way to understand our neighbors is through an integrated understanding of their societies, their cultures, their politics, and their economics. We need to see their art, listen to their music, read their authors, as well as hear their politicians and economists.

We explore our region through a continuous dialogue with the politicians, academics, artists, labor and business leaders, musicians, intellectuals and other thought leaders who are defining the new reality of the Americas. The Society's power to convene allows us to bring together audiences, members, speakers, and performers to illuminate the most important political and cultural developments of our time. Our power to convene also allows us to attract leaders from different fields to our boards, including the Chairman's International Advisory Council (CIAC) and advisory boards for visual arts, music and literature.

Although our New York headquarters is the site of many of our programs, we reach well beyond 680 Park Avenue. Public policy programs in Miami and Washington, traveling art exhibitions in Mexico City and Toronto, our award winning *Review: Latin American Literature and Arts* magazine, CIAC and board trips to Western Canada and Argentina are all part of a hemisphere-wide outreach effort.

Our commitment is to do more. With your active participation—as a member, a funder, a speaker, a performer, a program participant, a collaborating organization—we can continue to grow in the years ahead, for the benefit of all of the Americas.

William R. Rhodes, Chairman of the Board

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The Americas Society Programs promote the understanding of the political, economic, and cultural issues that define and challenge the Americas today, from the Arctic Circle to the southernmost tip of Argentina.

We believe that innovative artistic expression is vital to free societies and provides an invaluable window on the ever-evolving reality of our Hemisphere. Understanding the people and societies of the region is essential to promoting our agenda of democracy, the rule of law, and free trade.

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High-level government officials, diplomats, academics, and private-sector representatives gather at our New York headquarters to discuss hemispheric policy issues through numerous public programs. Our Signature Programs include our annual Latin American Conference and the Economic, Financial, and Business Predictions Conference.

Miami Programs

Through conferences, private meetings, and roundtables, the Americas Society and Council of the Americas bring together private and public sector leaders for events in Miami.

Latin American Cities

AS/COA engage opinion leaders from the public and private sectors in positive dialogue at the Latin American Cities Conferences, private meetings, and working group events in countries throughout the region.

Canadian Affairs

As the premier organization for policy dialog in the western hemisphere, AS/COA seeks to enhance Canadian outreach throughout the region. Initiated in the 1970s, AS/COA's Canada chapter addresses collective concerns of member companies with Canadian interests and is actively involved in promoting free trade agreements.

Special Events

Americas Society hosts annual special events, including the Spring Party—the Society's premier fundraising gala—and the fall's Inaugural Dinner, where each year an outstanding leader of

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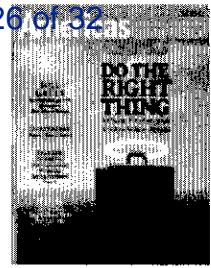
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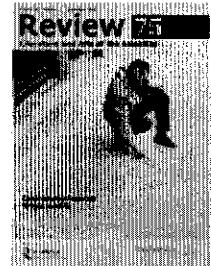
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The Americas Society maintains an active schedule of bilingual readings, lectures, book presentations, and conferences featuring Latin American, Caribbean and Canadian writers and scholars. This diverse programming provides a forum for writers and a resource information for literary professionals.

Literature events have included a subvention program for the translation of over 80 works of Latin American literature, including Gabriel García Márquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude*. Many of the writers in literature programs have been published in the Americas Society's literary magazine, *Review: Literature and Arts of the Americas*. *Review*, the major U.S. forum for contemporary Latin American writing in English translation and for coverage on the Latin American arts, has a readership of 5,000. It has received numerous awards such as the Phoenix Award for Outstanding Editorial Achievement from the Council of Editors of Learned Journals.

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Thursday, November 29, 2007

Book Presentation: *Saraminda: Black Desire in a Field of Gold*

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Launch of *Review 75: Argentine Writing and Arts*

Monday, November 12, 2007

Book Presentation: *Brevísima relación de la destrucción de las Indias*

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Book Presentation: *Havana Noir*

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Reading: Edgardo Cozarinsky and Liliana Heer

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The Music Department at the Americas Society, recipient of the ASCAP-CMA Award in Adventurous Programming, promotes the music and musicians from South and Central America, the Caribbean, Mexico, and Canada.

From Tango to Bach, from folk music of the Andes to Brazilian pop, to the newest composers from Quebec to Patagonia, Music of the Americas highlights the variety of styles and genres of classical, modern and traditional music being produced in the hemisphere.

Guests have included Placido Domingo, clarinetist Paquito D'Rivera with guitarists Sérgio and Odair Assad, Continuum Ensemble, composer-flutist, Alejandro Escuer, pianist Mirian Conti, guitarist Aquiles Báez, and composers Roberto Sierra, Mario Davidovski, and Tania León.

Our Music Education program takes music from Latin America, the Caribbean, and Canada to thousands of New York City public school children. Entertaining and educational outreach concerts help children learn about musical instruments, basic music concepts, and how these integrate with different cultures and music genres throughout the Americas.

Past Events

Friday, December 7, 2007
 Music: Bugallo-Williams Piano Duo

Friday, November 30, 2007
 Music: Instituto Superior de Arte del Teatro Colón

Friday, November 9, 2007
 Music: Binelli-Ferman Duo and Friends

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Monday, November 5, 2007
Music: Virtuoso Performers Series

Saturday, November 3, 2007
Music: Tonolec

Tuesday, October 9, 2007
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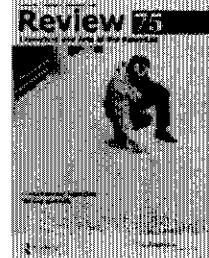
Thursday, October 4, 2007
Music: Tango Reflections Trio

Tuesday, March 20, 2007
Music: Orchestra of St. Luke's Salon ¡Bailemos!



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Visual Arts

Gallery Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 12-6 PM*Please note: The gallery will be closed November 21 through November 25 and from December 21 through January 2.*

The Society's Visual Arts department, dedicated to fostering a better understanding of art in the American regions beyond U.S. borders from the pre-Columbian era to the present day, produces gallery exhibitions, illustrated catalogs, and a

variety of public programs. The quality of our exhibitions attests to the diversity and heritage of the Americas, and upholds the mandate of the Americas Society to foster a better understanding of the art made in these regions from the pre-Columbian era to the present day.

The visual arts program boasts the longest-standing private space in the United States dedicated to exhibiting and promoting art from Latin America, the Caribbean, and Canada. Americas Society is recognized for its catalyzing role in establishing Latin American art markets in the United States and helping to expand the notion of modernity in the western hemisphere. The success of the department is rooted in its role as not merely a consecratory venue, but also as a platform for new artistic visions and achievements from throughout the Americas.

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Thursday, February 28, 2008Vis-a-vis: Dialogue between Graciela Iturbe and Cuauhtémoc Medina

6:30 p.m.
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Thursday, March 27, 2008Panel Discussion: Iturbide in Context

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Wednesday, November 14, 2007
Destruction and Deconstruction in Argentine Art

Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Waltercio Caldas and Kaira Cabañas
PINTA Contemporary Latin American Art Fair

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Thursday, November 1, 2007
Dialogues between Artists and Curators: Teresa Margolles & Maura Reilly

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October 2007
Catalog Release for *Beginning with a Bang!* Exhibition

September 28, 2007
Beginning with a Bang! Argentine Art and Literature Series Opening

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September 28, 2007
Beginning with a Bang! From Confrontation to Intimacy video

2006
A Principality of Its Own: 40 Years of Visual Arts at the Americas Society
Edited by José Luis Falconi & Gabriela Rangel

2000
A Hemispheric Venture: Thirty-Five Years of Culture at the Americas Society